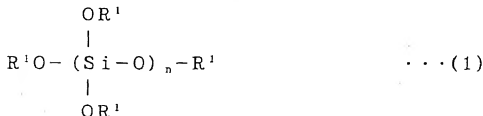


CLAIMS

1. A top coating composition which comprises
 a coating film-forming resin (I);
 as well as a silicate compound (II) besides a hydrolyzable
 silyl-containing resin (III)
 and/or a silicate-grafted resin (IV) resulting from graft
 polymerization of a silicate compound (II) onto a hydrolyzable
 silyl-containing resin (III).

2. The top coating composition according to Claim 1,
 wherein said silicate compound (II) is a modified
 silicate compound represented by the general formula (1):



in the formula, n represents an integer of 1 to 30; at least
 one of the R¹ groups is an organic group represented by
 R²-(O-CH₂-CHR³)_m-, where R² is an alkyl group containing 1 to 8
 carbon atoms, a phenyl group or a benzyl group, R³ is a hydrogen
 atom or a methyl group and m is an integer of 1 to 4, and the
 remaining R¹ groups each is a methyl or ethyl group.

3. The top coating composition according to Claim 1,
 wherein said hydrolysable silyl-containing resin (III)
 is an acrylic resin obtainable by radical polymerization of
 a silanol- and/or hydrolysable silyl-containing, radical-
 polymerizable monomer (III-a), a hydroxyl-containing,
 radical-polymerizable monomer (III-b) and another radical-
 polymerizable monomer (III-c).

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